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UM BRINGS HOT MUSICAL ACTS TO MISSOULA THIS SPRING

MISSOULA--

Yodeling country music sensation Wylie & the Wild West heads up a spring schedule of unique musical acts coming to the University Theatre at The University of Montana this spring.

Called "the real deal," "a great yodeler" and "one-of-a-kind" by music reviewers, Wylie and his band perform a blend of traditional western music and hardcore honky-tonk with old-fashioned country and western roots. What's more, Wylie's trademark yodel is smooth as silk.

Wylie Gustafson returns to his native Montana for an 8 p.m. performance at UM's University Theatre on Thursday, Feb. 4. Tickets for Wylie & the Wild West are \$10 in advance and \$11 the day of the show.

"Forget everything you hate about modern country, this guy is all old school cool without being a tired period piece," wrote Winda Benedetti for the Spokesman-Review.

Wylie & the Wild West's debut album, "Way Out West," came out on Rounder Records in 1997 and was followed by "Total Yodel!" in 1998. The band makes regular appearances on the "Grand Ole Opry" and "Prime Time Country," and their 10 music videos have appeared on CMT and TNN.

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The band's authentic, crowd-pleasing style have earned a loyal audience and accolades across the country.

"Boy, does he swing!" wrote Mike Greenblatt for Modern Screen's Country Music.

Also in the spring lineup at the University Theatre are:

- Lucinda Williams -- This singer-songwriter extraordinaire and her rockin' band will perform Tuesday, Feb. 9. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 the day of the show.
- The David Grisman Quintet -- These stylish musicians will perform Saturday, March 6. Tickets are \$21 in advance and \$23 the day of the show.
- Leo Kottke -- The legendary musician comes to town Friday, March 12. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 the day of the show.
- Beehive -- This outrageous '60s musical sensation brings its Broadway style to UM on Sunday, April 11. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$22 the day of the show.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from TIC-IT-E-Z locations or by calling 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

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